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Very nice shoutout! These updates are terrific, and not just because you said such nice things about me??

Thank you for all you do!

Chris m

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On Dec 8, 2017, at 4:38 PM, Haskett, Nikki <nhaskett@blm.gov> wrote:

WO-400 Team,

Here is your Friday Information Update:

*Front Hallway:*

- There was a Bob Wick sighting today and then I got to catch up with him finally! Bob was in DC this week and had the chance to do a national live webinar on Wednesday via Zoom. His presentation gave a visual tour of BLM managed rivers and trails and had a great DC and national turnout!
- Yesterday, the House passed a two week extension of the CR by a vote of 235 193 providing funding through December 22, 2017. The Senate passed the extension by a vote of 81 14. The CR extension bill was sent to the President for his signature.
- On Monday December 4<sup>th</sup> the President issued the Presidential Proclamation Modifying the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument and the Presidential Proclamation Modifying the Bears Ears National Monument.
  - The Proclamation Modifying the Bears Ears National Monument modifies the boundaries of the 1.35 million acres of Federal lands to 2 areas: the Shash Jáa area and the Indian Creek area; and excludes from its designation and reservation approximately 1,150,860 acres.
  - The Proclamation Modifying the Grand Staircase Escalante National modifies the boundaries of the 1.7 million acres of Federal lands to 3 units: the Grand Staircase, Kaiparowits, and Escalante Canyons units of the monument (1,003,863 acres). Any lands not within the boundaries identified on the accompanying map in the Proclamation are excluded from the monument.
- On Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup>, in accordance with the Presidents April 26, 2017 Executive Order, Secretary Zinke released the final report outlining recommendations he made to the President on national monument designations under the Antiquities Act.
  - In addition to Bears Ears and Grand Staircase Escalante, the final report included recommendations to modify the boundaries and management of Cascade Siskiyou, and Gold Butte National Monuments.

*Calendar:*

- Robin has put together a WO400 Holiday Acting Calendar so you can see who will be available and acting over the holidays (attached). It should also be on the 400 shared calendar.
- Our 400 Holiday Retirement Party is set! We are looking forward to a cookie exchange, games, and presenting some well deserved awards. December 12th from 11:30-1:30 (EST) Please join your coworkers to celebrate the holidays, the end of year, and Betsy Wooster, Youth Program Lead, who is retiring in the end of December. Remote staff will be joining us at 1:00 for some special presentations.

*Kudos: I have three big thank you's this week*

- Mara - thank you for putting together the very large and tedious National Monument Review binder of materials we submitted and for making it look good!
- Rachel - thank you the binder of all the telework agreements. You both jumped in to help when we are short staffed on the admin front, and then went above and beyond.
- I think we should thank our AD when we get a chance (well at least I'd like to :) for keeping our directorate running smoothly through all of these major changes. Chris does a lot and buffers a lot that we don't always get to see or hear and sometimes we forget to thank the people doing that hard work (because it is hard). Thanks Chris!

Have a great weekend, keep up the great work, and have fun in the first snow (DC'ers)!

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